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DENR NAMES NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

RALEIGH – N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary William G. Ross Jr. has named Manly Wilder, of Raleigh, as assistant secretary for natural resources.

In this role, Wilder will work directly with and provide supervision to the following divisions and work groups within the department: Soil and Water Conservation, Forest Resources, Marine Fisheries, Parks and Recreation, the Ecosystem Enhancement Program and the Natural Resource Planning Group.

“Manly has proven himself to be an excellent manager in his two years in DENR,” Ross said. “In combination with his wealth of experience in natural resource management, Manly’s leadership will help us reach the goals of our One North Carolina Naturally initiative.”

Wilder, who has a bachelor’s degree in crop science from N.C. State University and a master’s degree from George Washington University, comes to this position from the N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Wilder has served as division director for the N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation since November 2005. Prior working at DENR, he served in a variety of key roles during a 35-year career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He began his career as a district conservationist in Snow Hill and held several positions with NRCS in the eastern United States before retiring from the agency as deputy chief for strategic planning and budget analysis in Washington, D.C.

Wilder will begin his new duties on Oct. 15. Wilder is a native of Nash County. He and his wife Peggy live in Raleigh.

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